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TEACHERS NEEDED

SALARIES TOO LOW

Tennessee Experiencing Difficulties Securing Teachers for Rural Schools

The state is finding it difficult to supply the crowded schools in the state with teachers. The regular examination for teachers was held in July, and, not securing enough qualified pedagogues, a supplemental examination was held in September, still this extra examination did not produce sufficient teachers, and a third examination has been called for December.

While there are many teachers taking examination and qualifying, when it comes to working for the salaries paid county teachers in Tennessee they decline the jobs and accept positions in trade and industry, which are more remunerative.

There will be no less than fifteen or twenty schools in Carroll county short of teachers this winter. Or at least that is the indication at this time. On account of the salaries paid teachers here some of our teachers have gone to other counties and others have entered other lines of business.

Given Decoration

Mrs. Joseph E. Jones, of Dresden, mother of Lieut. Herbert Jones, Vanderbilt graduate, killed in France, was presented with a distinguished service medal in recognition of the services of her son Wednesday morning of last week in the chapel at Vanderbilt University.

Appropriate services marked the occasion the presentation being made by Maj. H. L. Landers, of the local army recruiting station, who was a colonel in the A. E. F. Maj. Landers made an eloquent speech, telling of the spirit of the men who made up the army of the United States, and how they willingly made sacrifices for their country.

All ex-service men in the university stood at attention and saluted when the medal was presented to the mother of the dead hero.

Against Profiteering

In his charge Monday to the grand jury at the opening of the federal court at Jackson, Judge J. E. McCall was very emphatic and explicit in regard to the duty of the grand jury in searching out profiteers. A long-suffering public warmly applauded the sentiment expressed by Judge McCall that the guilty be punished.

Federal Court

The fall term of the federal court convened in Jackson last Monday, Judge John E. McCall presiding. Due to the illness of John E. McCall the court did not meet last April and the docket was larger than usual. Several of the members of the Huntingdon bar attended this court the first of the week.

MOONEY SPEAKS

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

The Memphis Editor Delivers Fine Address in Huntingdon Friday Afternoon

C. P. J. Mooney editor of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, spoke here Friday afternoon at the courthouse in the interest of the Roosevelt memorial fund. He was introduced by the chairman, George T. McCall, and spoke for more than an hour to the large and interested audience on the needs of better citizenship, better civic ideals, better health conditions, better morals and better family life, all of which were advocated by the great citizen, Theodore Roosevelt.

Circuit Court, which was in special session, adjourned for the address.

A jury selected for the Wilder murder trial was in the jury-box. In concluding Mr. Mooney humorously alluded to them by saying that it was his first experience at having part of his audience forced to listen to him whether or no.

The speaker very clearly pointed out the importance of high ideals in citizenship and how conditions can be made better by making

better citizens through correct teaching and living. He referred to the efforts that had been made during the last several years for civic improvement and declared that we had a better state, a better people and higher moral ideas as a consequence of those efforts. He hoped to see the day when we would have no need for jails and places of punishment for crimes.

Buy Land

A special from Camden says: A real estate deal of more than usual interest was made here Thursday, when S. L. Peeler, R. R. Melton and W. M. Kincannon purchased from Joe T. Hester, of Huntingdon, Ira L. Presson and G. B. Holladay, of this place, two large tracts of land adjacent to the Memphis-to-Bristol highway, seven miles west of here on Big Sandy river, the two tracts containing about 850 acres of rich-timbered land. On this land is what is claimed by timber dealers to be the finest body of timber on Big Sandy river. The consideration was nearly \$20,000.

LAND TRANSFERS

MAKE BIG SHOWING

Real Estate Transfers During Ten Months Amounted to Nearly \$1,500,000

A large number of real estate transfers have been recorded in the county court clerk's office during the past ten months. The aggregate of these transfers amount to nearly \$1,500,000, and it shows much activity in the real estate business of the county. Land has increased in value more rapidly during the past year than during any one year in the history of the county, and we do not believe it has yet gone as high as it will go.

Following we give the transfers for each month for the past ten months: January, \$136,350; February, \$103,950; March, \$130,400; April, \$56,050; May, \$81,650; June, \$44,300; July, \$81,650; August, \$151,700; September, \$292,600; and October about \$225,000.

November and December will likely be good months and the aggregate for the year will indicate much activity in land dealing for the good year 1919.

THIRD RED CROSS

ROLL CALL DRIVE

The President Urges Support of the Third Red Cross Roll Call Drive

President Wilson in a letter to the people of the country says: As President of the United States and President of the American Red Cross I recommend and urge a generous response to the Third Red Cross Roll Call Drive, which opens on November 2, with the observance of Red Cross Sunday and appropriately closes on November 11, the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice.

Twenty million adults joined the Red Cross during the war, prompted by a patriotic desire to render service to their country and to the cause for which the United States was engaged in war. Our patriotism should stand the test of peace as well as the test of war, and it is an intelligently patriotic program which the Red Cross proposes, a continuance of a service to our soldiers and sailors, who look to it for many things, and a transference to the problems of peace at home of the experience and methods which it acquired during the war.

It is on membership the stress of the present campaign is laid, for the Red Cross seeks to associate the people in welfare work throughout the land, especially in those communities where neither official nor unofficial provision has been made for adequate public health and social service.

Dr. R. A. Douglass, chairman of the Third Red Cross Roll Call Drive for the Huntingdon Chapter, has appointed a chairman in each district, and is hoping that each and every one will rally to the support of these chairmen and render all the service possible. This is not a campaign for funds, but a campaign for members. Fifty cents of each membership fee will be retained for work in the county.

Laying Concret Walk

A concret walk is being put on the south side of West Main street. A walk will also be laid on the north side of this street. We hope the contractors will succeed in getting these walks completed before bad weather set in.

GETS TWENTY YEARS

WILDER CONVICTED

The Jury Was Out Only a Few Hours and Brings in Verdict of Guilty

The Wilder murder case resulted in a conviction of murder in the second degree and the penalty was fixed at twenty years in the penitentiary.

The jury got the case Saturday night about 6 o'clock, and between 9 and 10 o'clock brought in a verdict. The verdict was received and the jury discharged.

This case was taken up Thursday and the remainder of the week given to the hearing. It was a hard fought battle. The state was represented by ex-Gov. Tom C. Rye, acting attorney-general, and J. Sam Johnson, while George T. McCall and Capt. Gordon Browning represented the defendant. Every inch of the ground was contested, and strong and eloquent speeches were made to the jury.

July, 1913, over six years ago, Dave Wilder, who lived a short distance west of town, in a fit of passion, shot his mother-in-law, Mrs. John Green, killing her instantly, and fired a shot at his own wife, Mrs. Green's daughter, who, in a faint, fell to the ground, and the murderer left the scene, thinking both were dead.

S. G. Aden was then sheriff and made a diligent search for Wilder, but failed to locate him. He retired from office, his time having expired. Sheriff Kirk was elected and served four years, and Aden was again elected. Upon assuming office he renewed his efforts to find Wilder and bring him to trial. He was located in Michigan, and after a hard fight with the Michigan officers and friends, who tried to have him retained under habeas corpus and lacy proceedings, he finally reached Huntingdon with his man.

At the time of the killing Gov. Rye was attorney-general and the grand jury, under his direction, found an indictment against Wilder, charging murder in the first degree. Mr. Rye resigned his office as attorney-general and was elected governor of his state. After serving two terms he retired from office, returned to his home in Paris and entered the practice of

law again. On account of the sickness of Gen. Sherrod's wife Gov. Rye was asked to act as attorney-general while Mr. Sherrod attended the bedside of his wife. And while acting in this capacity it became Gov. Rye's duty to prosecute to conviction the man he helped to indict over six years ago.

Insanity was the principal plea of the defendant, and this plea perhaps had something to do with the length of the term fixed against him. Wilder is a man between 35 and 40 years old, and twenty years' service will no doubt be the greater part of his remaining life.

Wilder's aged father and mother, who are said to be very wealthy, came from Michigan and testified for their son. His deserted wife, whom he attempted to kill, appeared against him.

The jury was composed of the following citizens of the county, a jury of splendid men: F. R. Barger, John Springer, H. M. Conyers, Nathan Sellers, S. P. Myers, W. A. Butler, J. L. Grissom, Homer Williams, G. E. Parker, F. L. Wright, Charley Kelley and T. E. Duke. N. N. Lunn and John Argo were the officers in charge.

NEGRO SHOT THROUGH

PRISON WINDOWS

Charged With Making Attack on Woman—Reported Fatally Wounded

A negro named Henry Booth was arrested Sunday night on the charge of having attempted to attack the wife of a painter in Humboldt during the absence of the husband. The negro was committed to the city jail, which during the night was visited by unknown persons who fired on the prisoner through the windows wounding him six times, once through the forehead. The negro is reported to be fatally wounded.

The parties who did the shooting made a get-away, and at this writing no arrests had been made. The affair is very much regretted by the people of Humboldt, but such tragedies may be expected so long as negroes persist in attacking white women.

We do all kinds of job work on very short notice.

STRIKE THREATS

AMONG LABOR UNIONS

Labor Organizations are Going Out on Strikes all Over the Country

Labor organizations everywhere are going out on strikes and threatening the industrial interests of the country with complete ruin if their pretended grievances are not promptly met.

The coal miners have planned a walkout for tomorrow if their demands for higher wages and shorter hours are not granted.

The strike of 180,000 trainmen is imminent say heads of brotherhood if wage increase demands are not promptly met.

There is hardly a big line of business that is not more or less affected by the strike spirit that seems to permeate the labor organizations of the country. And if the threats that are being defiantly made are carried out the country will suffer a great calamity.

The president is in bed sick. The congress, sitting on a volcano, does nothing, but fuss and fume over politics, showing clearly the incapacity of our law makers to lay aside factional politics and be patriots long enough to enact legislation to avert pending disaster.

Primary in Henry

The democratic primary for the county offices in Henry county was held last Saturday and resulted as follows: Sheriff, A. L. Story; trustee, A. A. Grubbs; circuit court clerk, Henry W. Morton; county assessor, J. F. Anderson; county superintendent of public instruction, Joe Routen. Nomination is equal to an election in that county.

Law and Order

Gov. Roberts by proclamation has designated November 9 to 15 as law and order week. Preachers are asked to preach on the subject of law and order on Sunday, November 9, and all schools, public and private, are expected to set aside one day for law and order exercises. Business and other organizations are expected to hold public meetings to further the cause.

Teachers' Meeting

White teachers of Carroll county are to meet Saturday, November 15. For several reasons the next institute meeting of the white teachers of Carroll county has been postponed till Saturday, November 15. Program will appear in next week's papers. Some things of vital importance to the schools will be discussed. Meeting will be held at the school building instead of the court house. Remember the date—November 15.

W. S. DENTON,

Chairman.

D. T. BARNHILL,

County Superintendent.

DOUBLE WEDDING

CEREMONY ON TRAIN

Young Lady Well Known Here Marries Under Rather Unique Surroundings

A romantic double wedding took place on the train en route from Wildersville to Lexington Wednesday afternoon of last week at 6:45 o'clock, the contracting parties being Robert E. Bunch, of Lexington, and Miss Lucile Bolen, of Wildersville; Will T. Roberts, of Albion, and Miss Ruby Finch, of Wildersville. Rev. Fleetwood Ball, of the Baptist church of Lexington, officiating. The ceremony was performed as the couples stood in the vestibule of the train, which was speeding along at the rate of 30 miles an hour. The respective brides are the daughters of Dr. C. E. Bolen and John G. Finch, of Wildersville, and the grooms are the sons of Sol M. Bunch and C. Thos. Roberts, all worthy representatives of prominent families. They continued the bridal trip to Jackson.

Miss Bolen has relatives in Huntingdon and has visited here quite often. Her many friends here wish for her a most happy and prosperous married life.

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